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QUESTION OF ANTARCTICA

Report of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 43/83 B of 7 December 1988, the General Assembly viewed with concern the continuing participation of the apartheid régime of South Africa in meetings of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, and appealed once again to the Consultative Parties to take urgent measures to exclude the racist apartheid régime of South Africa from participation in their meetings at the earliest possible date.
2. In the resolution the General Assembly also invited the States parties 1/ to the Antarctic Treaty to inform the Secretary-General on the actions taken regarding provisions of the resolution, and requested him to submit a report in this regard to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session.
3. Accordingly, the Secretary-General addressed a note verbale to the States parties to the Antarctic Treaty, asking them to reply in pursuance of paragraph 3 of resolution 43/83 B as soon as possible, but not later than 30 April 1989.
4. On 19 April, the Secretary-General received a communication dated 18 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Australia, responding on behalf of the States parties to the Antarctic Treaty. The communication reads as follows:

"The Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, acting on behalf of States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty, ... has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note of 16 March 1989 with reference to General Assembly resolution 43/83 B of 7 December 1988 with respect to the question of Antarctica.

* A/44/150.

"The Permanent Representative of Australia has the honour to recall that the Mission's note No. 66/87 of 1 July 1987, on behalf of States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty, was concerned with the same matter. The note continues fully to reflect their position. ..."

5. The note to which the Permanent Representative of Australia makes reference is reproduced in a previous report of the Secretary-General (A/42/587).

Notes

1/ The States parties to the Antarctic Treaty are the following (underlining indicates consultative status): Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay.
